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Fiscal 1987 Library of Congress Appropriations Are Approved

Public Law 99-500, a bill making continuing appropriations for fiscal 1987, signed by President Reagan on October 18, provides funds for the operation of the Library of Congress for fiscal 1987, among other provisions.

Included in the act is a total appropriation of $235,399,000 for the Library of Congress, including the Congressional Research Service. This represents an increase of $14,263,000 over funds available in 1986.

Under the appropriation, "Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses"—which supports the Office of The Librarian, Management Services, National Programs, Processing Services, Research Services, and the Law Library—$137,039,000 was approved. This includes authority to obligate $4,700,000 in receipts from the sale of cataloging information and technical publications. This represents an increase of $4,054,000 over funds available in 1986.

Under appropriations for the Copyright Office, an appropriation of $17,302,000 was approved, which includes authority to obligate $7,427,000 in receipts from copyright fees. This is an increase of $397,000 over funds available in 1986.

Under the appropriation, "Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped," a total of $35,996,000 was approved, an increase of $3,687,000.

The Library's request for $390,000 for the collection and distribution of library materials (Special Foreign Currency Program) was approved.

An appropriation of $5,070,000 was made for furniture and furnishings, including $3,425,000 for the renovation/restoration project in the Thomas Jefferson and John Adams buildings. This represents

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an increase of $4,217,000 over the 1986 level.

For the operation of the Congressional Research Service, $39,602,000 was approved, $2,314,000 over the 1986 level.

Under appropriations for the Architect of the Capitol, $6,080,000 was appropriated for structural and mechanical care of Library buildings and grounds.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped And the Public Interest

"Consumer input from a variety of sources has enabled the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH) to better perform its program mission," said Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS/BPH director. "NLS/BPH has developed a mixture of staff interaction with program patrons and consumer organizations to insure direct information on the needs of those who use the NLS/BPH service," he said. "These efforts include several ad hoc committees, in the areas of collection development, audio equipment, and publications. We also have been performing targeted surveys of patrons. Our staff attends consumer conventions. And NLS/BPH regularly meets with consumer group leadership," Mr. Cylke explained.

In addition, the Consumer Relations Section of NLS/BPH has developed a method for logging consumer concerns. This log is released monthly and contains a listing of consumer contacts from correspondence and telephone calls and the action taken. Judith Dixon, head of the Consumer Relations Section said, "Consumer concerns which consistently appear in our monthly log are addressed in a formal management way. For example, over a substantial period we had noted concern about NLS/BPH services to children. In response to this concern, NLS/BPH has created a new national initiative to take a look at improvements in our services to children."

"The ad hoc committee meetings held yearly at NLS/BPH offices on Taylor Street provide a very tangible and immediate source of valuable program input," noted Henry Paris, chief of NLS/BPH Materials Development Division.

Mr. Paris chairs the ad hoc audio equipment advisory committee, composed of consumer groups, volunteer equipment repair groups, and representatives from the NLS/BPH network of cooperating libraries. "I believe that this committee's input assists NLS/BPH in meeting high quality standards in its equipment and products," he said.

Judith Dixon (left) and Henry B. Paris

Mona Werner, head of the Collection Development Section, has chaired the ad hoc advisory committee on collection development for more than a decade. She said, "The reward of working directly with patrons, consumer groups, and librarians is that you get to know the 'pulse' of our program users quite intimately. This ad hoc committee has developed a supplement to the NLS/BPH selection policy that helps meet the needs of the program's diverse readership."

Robert Fistick, head of the Publications and Media Section, believes that the ad hoc publications advisory group has "made thoughtful recommendations on how to improve patrons' publications and at the same time found ways to save valuable funds in the printing of those publications, which include *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review,* bimonthly magazines that list new book titles in the NLS/BPH collection.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

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STAFF NEWS

Information Volunteers Meet

Library of Congress Information Volunteers—Front row (from the left): Vivian Schrader, Elizabeth Tate, Karin Melchior, Helen-Anne Hilker, Susan Fisher, Un Sun Park, Emily Horecky, Thomas Kang, and information officer Nancy Bush. Rear row (from the left): William Ouspensky, Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, Barbara Boster (Information Office), Susan Sayer, Dorothy Bates, and Brenda Maillard.

The Library of Congress Information Volunteers met for a brown bag luncheon on September 15 in the Madison Building's Dining Room A. The volunteers were joined by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, who thanked them for their service to the Library of Congress and discussed current Library activities, including the optical disk program and the mass deacidification project.

Among other topics of discussion were the questions received by the volunteers at the information desks in the Jefferson and Madison buildings. Recruitment of additional volunteers was also reviewed. Helen-Anne Hilker, a former information officer, offered to lead an effort to bring new volunteers into the program.

At the meeting volunteers were given special identification cards which entitle card holders to a 10 percent discount at the sales shops, use of the Senate Stationery Store, book loans, and blood pressure and weight checks at the Health Services Unit.

Attendees were given a preview of the new 21-minute video, "Tour of the Library of Congress," which will soon be sold in the sales shops.

The volunteers were congratulated for answering some 4,373 questions and contributing a record 209 hours in August. Special acknowledgement was made of the extraordinary time given to the program by Elizabeth Johnson, Susan Sayre, and Helen Orleans.

The Library of Congress Information Volunteer program was initiated in March 1986 by the Information Office. More than 20 retirees of the Library participate in the program and donate between two and six hours a week answering questions from the public at information desks located in the Thomas Jefferson and James Madison Memorial Buildings. Additional volunteers are welcome and should call Nancy Bush or Barbara Boster at (202) 287-5108.

Treatment Centers Are Example of CFC Agencies That Help

Little John McGraw, a 3½-year-old toddler recovering from two serious diseases, is a member of the community assisted by an agency receiving support from the Combined Federal Campaign. This time, the agency that helped was the Treatment Centers, which is based in Rockville and Frederick, Md., and offers a multi-disciplinary team approach to providing speech and language therapy, audiology, and physical and occupational therapy.

John suffered from meningitis and encephalitis. He is recovering, but his communicative abilities have been left impaired.

John's mother and father, Barbara and John McGraw, offer only praise for the care their son has received at the Treatment Centers. "We feel very fortunate to have found the Treatment Centers," said

Mrs. McGraw. "The staff is very professional, yet compassionate. The support we have been shown . . . has made all the difference in John's development. I can't say enough positive things about the Treatment Centers and the caring of the professional staff."

547 agencies are participating in the 1987 CFC. It is only through public support that the Treatment Centers and the other agencies can obtain funds to help those in need and those who do not have the resources to pay themselves.

Irene Ferrar Retires After 20 Years Service with CRS

Irene Ferrar, special assistant to the Director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), retired on September 3, after 20 years with the service.

Gilbert Gude, former Director of CRS (far left); James Ferrar, Mrs. Ferrar's husband; Lisa Chekan, Mrs. Ferrar's daughter; Mrs. Ferrar; Joseph Ross, Director of CRS; and Lester Jayson, former Director of CRS (far right).

From 1945 to 1953, Mrs. Ferrar was secretary to the president of the Jack Kahn Music Company in Freeport, N.Y. After taking time out to raise a family, Mrs. Ferrar served as a traffic manager for Sharp Export, Ltd., from 1958 to 1963. From 1963 to 1967, she served as a secretary in the office of Senator Paul Douglas.

Mrs. Ferrar joined the Library in 1967 as secretary to the Director of CRS and has served since 1970 as the special assistant to the Director. Her work has been consistently praised by three directors of the Service. She earned quality increases in 1976, 1977, and 1980 and outstanding performance ratings in 1977 and 1982.

Over the years, she has been commended for her excellent judgment, interpersonal and organizational skills, extraordinary attention to detail, knowledge of the Service and the Library, tact and sensitivity, outstanding dedication and loyalty, and professionalism. According to Joseph Ross, Director of CRS, "she has unsurpassed skills in dealing with . . . Members of Congress, their staffs, prominent public and private figures, and CRS and Library staff members."

At her retirement party, attended by her colleagues and close friends, including four former directors, she was presented a Superior Service Award for her many years of dedicated service to Congress and to the growth of CRS.

Annette Yountz Retires

Annette Yountz retired from her job as division secretary in the Financial Management Office on August 1. Mrs. Yountz was honored at a reception on July 31.

She was probably best known in the Library for her role as notary public for the past 20 years. She assisted employees with automobile transfers, wills,

Richard H. Austin, chief, FMO (left); Mrs. Yountz; and William J. Welsh.

affidavits, depositions, and other legal documents. In addition to her official duties, Mrs. Yountz has had a special relationship as a friend and counselor to many Library of Congress employees who have had to face illness and deaths of family members.

She had spent 31 years in Federal service, of which more than 27 years were with the Library. She plans to stay in the Washington, D.C., area where she is active in her church and with her family, paying special attention to her grandchildren Barbara, Wendy, and John.

History of Science Society Awards Prize to Daniel J. Boorstin

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin has been awarded the Watson-Davis Book Prize by the History of Science Society, for his book *The Discoverers.* The prize was presented at the annual meeting of the society held in Pittsburgh on October 25.

Awarded for the first time this year, the Watson-Davis Book Prize is given to a book useful in teaching or promoting public understanding of the history of science.

Share Your News with the Library Through the Information Bulletin

The LC *Information Bulletin* is interested in learning about newsworthy activities or developments all over the Library. It would also welcome suggestions for other topics as well as interesting subjects for the staff profile series. Please contact the editor, Bruce Tapper, ext. 75108.

Special Interest Groups in November

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) of the Library of Congress Professional Association are presenting the following meetings in November.

The meetings are held to one-half hour and begin at 12:10 p.m., except for the Foreign Area Studies SIG which meets at 11:30 a.m., so that staff members may attend on their lunch periods. The meetings are informal, and eating lunch during them is encouraged.

November 4—*SIG on Library Science:* Mary Price, Processing Services, will speak on "Bibliographic Products and Services in the Library of Congress." Room LM 642.

November 13—*SIG on Poetry:* A guest speaker will be featured. Room LM 403.

November 18—*SIG on Ethnic Resources:* Selve Maas, Subject Cataloging, will speak on "Ethnic Estonian Schools in Baltimore." Room LM 642.

November 20—*Support Group for Active Scholars:* The perception of independent scholars by the profession, particularly those with academic affiliation. Room LM 642.

November 25—*SIG on American Studies/Special Collections:* Robert Schaaf, Serials and Government Publications, will speak on "League of Nations Publications at the Library of Congress." Room LM 642.

John Rodgers Slidell Dies

John Rodgers Slidell, who worked for 30 years in what is now the General Reading Rooms Division, died September 2 at his summer home in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

Mr. Slidell was born in New Orleans, La., in 1908. He lived in France until he was 17. A graduate of the University of Virginia, he received his bachelor's degree in 1932. During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps communications in France.

Mr. Slidell retired from the Library of Congress in 1965.

William C. Gibbons Earns 25-Year Federal Service Award

William C. Gibbons, specialist in U.S. Foreign Policy, Congressional Research Service (CRS), was honored for accumulating 25 years of service at a recent gathering in the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of CRS. The division chief, Stanley Heginbotham, awarded the service pin and congratulated Dr. Gibbons on his contribution to CRS and for his extensive work on the written history of Congress and the Vietnam War.

For several years, Dr. Gibbons has been involved in the research and writing of a study of the role of Congress in the Vietnam War, sponsored in conjunction with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and George Mason University. The first two volumes of the four-part series entitled *The U.S. Government and the Vietnam War* have been published in committee print form and the third volume will be published later this year. The printed volumes were nominated for the D.B. Hardeman Prize of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs of the University of Texas and will soon be available in both hardbound and paperback from Princeton University Press.

Prior to joining CRS in 1972, Dr. Gibbons held executive branch positions in the offices of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Agency for International Development. He was a professional staff member in the congressional offices of Representative Sidney Yates, Senator Wayne Morse, and in the Majority Leader's Office under both Lyndon Johnson and Mike Mansfield. He also held academic positions at Wellesley College, Texas A&M University, and George Mason University.

Dr. Gibbons graduated from Randolph-Macon College and received his doctorate in political science from Princeton University. He is a native of Harrison-

burg, Va., and although he has spent much of his career in the thick of the political arena, he continues to prefer the quiet country life.

Charles O. Payne, Jr., Receives 20-Year Federal Service Award

Charles O. Payne, Jr., Maintenance Section truck driver for the Collections Management Division, was presented a 20-year Federal service pin by Steven J. Herman, chief of the division, on September 11. Also in attendance were Emmett G. Trainor, assistant division chief, Dwight E. Moore, general foreman, Collections Maintenance Section, and the staff members of the Collections Maintenance Section.

Mr. Payne's Federal service began in June 1965 with a summer position at the Naval Research Laboratory. In April 1966 Mr. Payne enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, in which he served for eight years. Following an honorable discharge in 1974, he took a one-year temporary appointment at Andrews Air Force Base as a warehouseman. In October 1975, he was employed as a warehouseman in the Library's Procurement and Supply Division at the Landover Center Annex. In September 1976 he was transferred and promoted to his present position. In October 1981, Mr. Payne received a Special Achievement Award and cash award for exceptional productivity during the relocation of collections to the James Madison Memorial Building.

Mr. Payne is a native of Tallahassee, Fla., and a graduate of Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. He is presently a technical sergeant in the District of Columbia Air National Guard. His hobbies include bowling, fishing, and pitching horseshoes. Mr. Payne's wife, Toloria, also works at the Library, in Processing Services. They have one daughter and reside in Cheverly, Md.

Staff Activities

Peggy Pearlstein, senior reference librarian, Hebraic Section, is the author of an article titled, "The Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress: Collections, Catalogs, and Services." It appears in *Judaica Librarianship,* Vol. 2, No. 1-2, Spring 1985. *Judaica Librarianship* is a journal devoted to the organization and management of Judaica and Hebraica collections.

Chi Wang, head, Chinese and Korean Section, Asian Division, participated in the 1986 Library Cooperation and Development Seminar, held at the newly completed National Central Library in Taipei, Taiwan, on August 17 and 18, 1986. The meeting was sponsored by the National Central Library, the Committee for Scientific and Scholarly Cooperation with the U.S. Academia Sinica, the Library Association of China, and the Taipei chapter of the American Society for Information Science. More than 150 participants from Taiwan and abroad attended the seminar. The theme was "Library Cooperation and the Development of Library and Information Services." The speakers discussed encouraging international information cooperation and exchange, promoting future information service development, advancing library automation, improving resource sharing, and upgrading the quality of information services.

Chi Wang co-chaired the panel on "The Development of Technical and Reader Services." The program included an impressive computer demonstration.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Susan Coronis, research analyst, GS-11, FRD; Diane K. Fredericksen, clerk, GS-5, CRS; Naomi S. Greer, clerk, GS-5, CRS; Thomas McCready, systems analyst, GS-11, ASO; Debra L. Newman, librarian, GS-13, Mss; Vernon P. Rood, research analyst, GS-11, FRD; Cynthia Waters, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser.

Temporary Appointments: David DeAnna, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Thomas King, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Ruth A. Nieland, writer-editor, GS-9, NLS/BPH; Gary Skerrett, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Kathi Wood, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Marla Woodson, library aid, GS-1, Marc Ed.

Reappointment: Adrienne H. Brown, library technician, GS-5, Ser Rec.

Promotions: Hilary J. Lord, quality assurance specialist, GS-11, NLS/BPH; Pamela E. Possey, librarian, GS-9, Eur; L. Christopher Wright, supervisory librarian, GS-13, Loan.

Resignations: Lee Patsy Newell, Col Mgmt; Ruthann H. Ovenshire, CRS; Rushie McKnight, Col Mgmt.

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In addition to the committee input, NLS/BPH consistently performs targeted surveys of patrons. Ms. Dixon adds, "For example, we surveyed patrons about their needs for reference materials. We ask patrons their opinions of various magazines in our magazine browsing program. We also work with various NLS/BPH network librarians' consumer advisory committees and their patron surveys."

"This year NLS/BPH conducted a patron survey of a new audio cassette playback machine, known as the 'easy machine,' " Ms. Dixon said. "The machine requires very little effort for the patron to operate, little more than pushing the cassette into the deck and turning the volume up or down. Almost everything else is automatic. It's a wonderful machine, but we needed to know if the prototype met all patron needs before we went into mass production. We learned a great deal from our patrons and have been able to make some final improvements in the 'easy machine.' "

"We are now taking a similar approach with another new machine, called the combination machine, which is both a cassette playback machine and recorded disk playback machine. We will be asking our patrons to evaluate prototypes of this machine, just as we did with the 'easy machine,' " Ms. Dixon concluded.

Mr. Cylke believes "the strong emphasis on consumer input over the years has been a key element in the consistent improvement and growth of the NLS/BPH program."

American Folklife Center Gains Congressional Reauthorization

President Reagan, on October 16, approved H.R. 4545, an act making appropriations for the American Folklife Center for fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989. It is now Public Law 99-473. The act authorizes an appropriation of $867,000 for fiscal 1987; $919,974 for fiscal 1988; and $975,172 for fiscal 1989.

CDS Publications

Ongoing Publications

The following publications are now available from the Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541.

LC Classification—Additions and Changes. List 222, April-June 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $55 or $13.75 per list.

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. June 1986. 1986 subscription is $70 (domestic) and $75 (foreign).

Name Authorities. June 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $250 (domestic) and $285 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Books. May, June, and July 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $400 (domestic) and $440 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. U.S. Books. April, May, and June 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $280 (domestic) and $305 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Cartographic Materials. June 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $135 (domestic) and $145 (foreign).

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680, May 1986 (425 p.) Annual subscription for 1986 is $350.

Subject Headings Weekly Lists. 1986. Lists 22-30. Annual subscription for 1986 is $100.

Supplement to Library of Congress Subject Headings. (Book form) January-December 1985 (462 p.) $65 for the 1985 subscription year.

USMARC Formats: Proposed Changes. Third mailing for 1986. Subscription for 1986 is $30.

Novelist William Styron to Read At the Library on November 17

Author William Styron will read from his work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Monday evening, November 17. The reading, sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund, will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Mr. Styron was born in Newport News, Va., and attended Christchurch School, Middlesex County, Va., and Davidson College in North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from Duke University in 1947 and studied writing at the New School for Social Research.

He is the author of *Lie Down in Darkness* (1951), which won the American Academy of Arts and Letters Prix de Rome in 1952; *The Long March* (1957); *Set This House on Fire* (1960); *The Confessions of Nat Turner* (1967), which received both the 1968 Pulitzer Prize and the

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Meetings and Events Around the Library

Thursday, November 13

☐ Special Interest Group on Poetry. Speaker to be announced. LC Professional Association. Room LM 403, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, November 14

☐ "The Empire That Was Russia: A Photographic Record by Sergei Prokudin-Gorsky," exhibition opens; to run through April 19. Ground floor, Jefferson Building.

☐ Musica Antiqua Köln. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

☐ Two-day symposium on contemporary Spanish writers, Juan Goytisolo and Juan Benet. For information, call (202) 287-5400.

Monday, November 17

☐ "American Fiddling Styles," concert. American Folklife Center. Whittall Pavillion, 12 noon.

Tuesday, November 18

☐ "Ethnic Estonian Schools in Baltimore," Selve Maas, Subject Cataloging Division. Special Interest Group on Ethnic Resources, LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, November 20

☐ "Childhood Choices," exhibition opens, to run through May 1987.

☐ "Perceptions of Independent Scholars by the Profession, Particularly Those with Academic Affiliation," Support Group for Active Scholars. LC Professional Association. LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, November 21

☐ The Kronos String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (202) 287-5502.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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Howells Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1970; *In The Clap Shack* (1973), a three-act play; *Sophie's Choice* (1979), which won the 1980 American Book Award and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle Award, 1980; *Shadrach* (1979); *Against Fear* (1981); and *This Quiet Dust* (1982).

Law Library Issues Study On Romanian Tax Law

The latest Law Library publication, "Foreign Investments and the Taxation of Foreign Enterprises and Persons in Romania," is a study of the legal framework for foreign investment in that Eastern European nation.

The 29-page booklet, written by Petru Buzescu, devotes special attention to taxation of foreign persons and enterprises. International conventions for avoidance of double taxation are also examined.

To obtain this free pamphlet, write the European Law Division, Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540; or call (202) 287-5088.

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